

**TRANSPORTATION ASSET MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY REPORT: July 2003**

- The Asset Management Council did not formerly meet during the month of July. However, all of the committees did meet.
- The Data Management and Strategic Analysis Committees met jointly on July 9<sup>th</sup> to review and approve a Procedures Manual for use by the regional planning agencies and MPOs.
- The Administrative/Outreach Committee also reviewed and approved the procedures manual. In addition, they reviewed the draft budget for FY05. They also heard a presentation from John Daly of the Genesee County Road Commission on a possible pilot project. The Committee also had a proposal from the Northeast Council of Governments for a pilot. Rather than approve or deny either request the Committee decided that the Council should establish formal procedures and guidelines for reviewing and selecting pilot projects. They referred the matter to the Council for discussion at the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- On July 15<sup>th</sup>, the State Administrative Board approved \$768,143 in project authorizations for the regional planning agencies. These are the funds that are to be paid to the regions and local road agencies for their participation in the Council's data collection efforts and reporting requirements. Project authorizations have been executed and the agencies can begin receiving reimbursements for activities as of July 16.
- Training for data collection was begun during July with sessions being held in Gaylord, Escanaba, Grand Rapids and Saginaw. Staff trained 150 participants from RPA/MPOs, cities, and county road commissions. The response from the road commissions and planning agencies has been excellent. All planning agencies that were supposed to attend have; 51 of 55 road commissions have participated to date. The response from the cities has been very poor. Of the major cities in the 8 regions so far only Saginaw, Bay City, Marquette, Escanaba, and Holland have attended. Grand Rapids, Traverse City, Mt. Pleasant, Midland, Muskegon, Wyoming, Walker, Sault Ste. Marie, Cadillac, Ironwood, Iron Mountain, Menominee, Grand Haven, Grandville, Kentwood, and Norton Shores. All of these cities have systems of over 50 miles and would have been expected to show up. On the other hand, we have had villages as small as Grant show up.
- Carmine Palombo, Steve Warren, Kirk Steudle, and Rick Lilly participated in a day long discussion on asset management as part of the planning process for the transportation summit to be held December 3 and 4 in Lansing.
- The Council's FY04 budget was approved by the Legislature. There is no expense report this month. There are some problems with the accounting procedures being used and staff is currently working with finance and budget staff to get them rectified.